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Mexico to Oct 20 1841

Dear Sir,

Your first note -
I cannot at another moment go
without congratulating you on the
discovery of *Strobilium* - the best
botanical news I have heard this
year at least. It really seems
better than a score of altogether
new plants. I must give in and
do it gladly and only hope it
may sometime fasten my eyes on an
~~undiscovered~~ ^{undiscovered} American specimen. Will
I surely never did expect to see it
and I say in a friendly way the
luck is yours. You must tell me
all about it when we meet. "Where
is it?" can be answered all
its own.

Your most devoted

J. M. Smith

Always excepting the good news of

was a lecture to the North Academy,
which has been hailed by all our
classical friends, with the greatest
delight.